

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 8 and 15 without prejudice, and amend claims 1, 3, 5, 10 and 12 as shown in the following claim listing:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A device, comprising two or more parts (2,7) which define a cavity (8) for accommodating one or more elements (3,4,5), and which are sealed together by means of a thermosetting adhesive (6) present at the interface (11) of the two or more parts (2,7), characterized in that at least one channel (10) is provided in said interface (11) wherein the channel (10) is open to the cavity (8) to provide a pressure relief for the thermosetting adhesive (6) during manufacture of the device.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein a reservoir for the adhesive (6) is present at one or both ends of the channel(10).

Claim 3 (currently amended): The device claimed in Claim 2, wherein said reservoir comprises a capillary reservoir (12) which is located at the end of the channel(10) that is outside the cavity (8).

Claim 4 (previously presented): The device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein one of the parts (2,7") has a substantially polygonal, interface (11) with the channel(10) being located in one of the corners of the polygonal interface (11).

Claim 5 (currently amended): The device as claimed in Claim 2, ~~which device~~ wherein one of the parts comprises a substantially

flat substrate (2) on which the electroluminescent element (3,4,5) is deposited and a pre-formed cover (7") of a sheet material, which is shaped to define part of the cavity (8), the channel(10) and, optionally, the reservoir.

Claim 6 (canceled): A method and of manufacturing a device particularly an electroluminescent display device (1), comprising two or more parts (2,7), the method at least comprising the steps of applying a thermosetting adhesive (6) to the interface (11) of at least one of the parts (2,7), bringing the parts (2,7) together and is formed a cavity (8) (for) accommodating one of or more components, such as an electroluminescent element (3,4,5), and heating the device so as to secure the thermosetting adhesive (6), characterized in that, after bringing the parts (2,7') together, at least one channel (10) is present in the interface (11) of these parts (2,7), and in that the amount of adhesive (6) in the channel (10) and/or in the cavity (8) near the channel (10) is such that the increase of pressure resulting from the said heating is at least partially relieved by displacement of the adhesive (6) in the channel(s) (10)

Claim 7 (canceled): A method and as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the adhesive (6) flowing out of the channel (10) is captured by at least one reservoir (12) outside said cavity (8).

Claim 8 (canceled): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the channel (10) provides a pressure relief for the thermosetting adhesive (6) during manufacturing of the device.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the channel (10) allows the thermosetting adhesive (6)

present at the interface (11) to flow into the channel (10) in response to pressure from the cavity (8) during manufacturing of the device.

Claim 10 (currently amended): An electroluminescent display device (1) comprising:

a plurality of parts (2,7) joined together at an interface (11) and sealed together with a thermosetting adhesive (6) present at the interface (11);

a cavity (8) defined inside the parts (2,7);

at least one electroluminescent element (3,4,5) within the cavity (8), and

at least one channel (10) formed of one of the parts (2,7) and provided at the interface (11) with respect to the cavity such that that the channel is open to the cavity (8) and allows pressure inside the cavity (8) to escape into the channel during manufacturing of the device.

Claim 11 (previously presented): A device as claimed in Claim 10, wherein a reservoir for the adhesive (6) is present in at least one end of the channel (10).

Claim 12 (currently amended): A device as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said reservoir comprises a capillary reservoir (12) which is located at the end of the channel (10) outside the cavity (8).

Claim 13 (previously presented): A device as claimed in Claim 10, wherein at least one of the parts (2,7") has a substantially polygonal interface (11) with the channel (10) being located in at least one corner of the polygonal interfere (11).

Claim 14 (present presented): A device as claimed in Claim 10, wherein one of the parts comprises a substantially flat substrate (2) having the electroluminescent element (3,4,5) deposited and a preformed cover (7") of a sheet material, which is shaped to define part of the cavity (8).

Claim 15 (canceled): A device as claimed in Claim 10 wherein the channel (10) is formed in one of the parts (2,7).

Claim 16 (previously presented): A device as claimed in claim 10 wherein the channel (10) allows pressure inside the cavity (8) to force a portion of the thermosetting adhesive (6) into the channel (10) during heating that occurs in manufacturing process of the device.

Claim 17 (previously presented): A device as claimed in Claim 16 wherein the channel (10) allows pressure inside the cavity (8) will force a portion of the thermosetting adhesive (6) into the channel (10) during heating that occurs in manufacturing process of the device for a predetermining range of viscosities of the thermosetting adhesive (6).

Claim 18 (previously presented): A device as claimed in Claim 16 wherein the channel (10) becomes sealed by the portion of the thermosetting adhesive (6) forced into the channel (10) during heating that occurs in manufacturing process of the device.

Claim 19 (previously presented): A device as claimed in Claim 10, wherein the channel (10) provides a pressure relief for the thermosetting adhesive (6) during manufacturing of the device.

Claim 20 (previously presented): A device as claimed in Claim 10, wherein the channel (10) allows the thermosetting adhesive (6) present at the interface (11) to flow into the channel (10) in response to pressure from the cavity (8) during manufacturing of the device.